

ACTIVITY CONTINUES IN REALTY MARKET

Values Slowly Increasing in the District and Dealers Delighted.

BIG AUDITORIUM AMONG THE PLANS

New Postoffice, for Which Site Has Already Been Purchased, and Office Building.

Activity has prevailed throughout the week in the local realty field. There has been the usual goodly number of transfers recorded, and the situation has been alleviated by the addition of a few features of interest in the way of large deals either announced as consummated or as in process of completion.

This state of affairs is satisfactory to the real estate dealers, and it is enhanced by the outlook. During the past few days inquiries have been renewed by investors in different parts of the country. It is a well-known fact that ownership of real property in Washington is more diversified than in almost any other city in the Union. There is, therefore, local buying for homes and investment, buying by outsiders for investment, and, occasionally, a purchase of a lot or tract for speculation in real estate. Values are slowly but steadily increasing throughout the District.

The Largest Deals.

The largest deals now under way include the proposition to incorporate a company that will purchase a site and erect thereon a national auditorium; the movement for a new postoffice, for which the site has already been purchased; a project to build a \$100,000 hotel near the Union Station; the condemnation proceedings involving the five squares bounded by Fourteenth street, Pennsylvania avenue, Fifteenth street, and the Mall; the work of erecting an eight-story office building for the Evans estate, at New York avenue.

Added to these are numerous private enterprises looking to the construction of costly residences, such as the several handsome ones now nearing completion in Sheridan circle. Smaller building projects are to be seen developing in all parts of the city. Building activities are moving forward rapidly, work being pushed so that as much as possible may be done before winter puts intermittent checks on progress. Vacant land is being improved in several outlying sections, such as the wealth of the city, such is the present situation.

Marred by Collapse.

The effect of the thriving condition of the realty field during the week was marred by the collapse of a steel building frame at North Capitol and M streets. This was the second within a few months, both disasters being fatal. That there is inadequacy somewhere in the building inspection work of the District is now regarded by building experts and architects and others as a fact established. Where the fault there lies does not matter, they say, except in so far as it would point to where some of the needed reforms could be applied.

Money is said to be one of the chief things needed. It has been suggested that if Congress will make appropriations, then a larger force of building inspectors can be employed and keener attention given to maintaining the highest possible standard of efficiency. Experts on such matters believe also that the need of a law requiring builders to pass an examination and secure a license is now being discussed as a necessary measure. The majority of them so believed after the collapse of an apartment house last spring. A few said that it was not necessary, and that such an accident could not occur more than once in years. Now comes another collapse. Another life has been lost, and that more people were not killed is undoubtedly due to the fact that the building was not more nearly completed, with a strong of workers on the floors. Trained, even scientific, men are engaged to build a bridge on which people must depend for safety. Why should incapable men be allowed to build houses in which we have our very lives?

STEINHEIL WAS SLAIN BY LOVER OF HIS WIFE

Theory of Police Backed Up by Death of Slayer, Who Died Walking on All Fours and Raving Like Wild Beast.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—A new theory of the murder of Artist Steinheil and the death of his mother-in-law, is current in the lobbies of the law courts today. The report is credited to one of the detectives who worked on the case. According to this theory the accomplice of Mrs. Steinheil, who actually committed the crime, it is alleged, was a noted author and her lover.

They were together when they were surprised by Steinheil, and in the fight that followed the painter was strangled to death. Mme. Japy, the mother-in-law, ran upstairs at the sound of the struggle, and fell dead of heart failure at the spectacle.

The lover and Mrs. Steinheil then devised the plan of tying her up and of telling the story of the robbery to hide the crime.

The lover then fled to the country where he was to remain in seclusion until the affair had been forgotten. Instead, he went insane, and died walking on all fours and raving like a wild beast. The name of a noted French writer is being whispered in this connection although there is no official confirmation of the report.

Maurice Borderel, a wealthy farmer and cattle raiser, living at Chateau La Saulx, near the Albanian frontier, called on Magistrate Andre this afternoon and declared that he was the lover of Mme. Steinheil, from whom she has been estranged since the tragedy.

Andre is conducting a lengthy examination of Borderel and believes he will be in a position to solve the mystery of the murders through his evidence.

After examining the papers in the case Magistrate Andre said: "On the facts are established beyond question."

NEW BUILDING IN NORTHWEST



The Tulane Apartment House, Recently Completed at 2109 Eighteenth Street, Mt. Pleasant, a Result of Trend of Building in That Direction.

CITIZENS APPOINT A NEW COMMITTEE

Southeast Men Will Confer With Chamber of Commerce on Civic Welfare.

To obtain a better union and more concerted action among the various citizens' associations of the District of Columbia, relative to matters of civic welfare, the Southeast Citizens' Association, in the regular meeting last evening, appointed A. G. Herman, chairman of the executive committee, to confer with the Chamber of Commerce.

The need of such a movement among the citizens of Washington long has been felt, and the initiative was taken by the Southeast Association last night, after the Washington Chamber of Commerce had opened the way by a provision for such a union.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber in March of this year, Postmaster B. F. Barnes, realizing the necessity of more concerted action, presented the following amendment, which was adopted at the January meeting by the board of directors:

"Provided, that committee representing citizens' associations may be formed, of not less than five members, when not less than five members of the said association are members of the Chamber of Commerce."

In pursuance of this plan, Mr. Herman was appointed last night to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce. Other citizens' associations undoubtedly will follow the action taken by the citizens of Southeast Washington.

Allen Davis also was appointed by the association to represent the Southeast Citizens on the executive committee of the League for the Artistic Decoration of Public Schools.

FINED FOR SPIE, ASSERTS MOBLEY

Mission Worker Blames Slayton for Arrest in Clarksburg.

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is a tall, thin man with a Van Dyke beard. At first he declined to discuss the charges. Finally, however, he said it was best that he explain the whole affair and make things clear so that the persons who are interested in the work of the army would know the facts in the case.

Mrs. Harden Corroborates.

Mrs. Harden was in the room, and now then she added a word or two to corroborate his statement that she and the general had a mutual interest in each other only because of the work they were doing. Mrs. Harden admits that she is the wife of Charles Henry Slayton, a convert of the American Salvation Army, but she says she took the name of her former husband when she married him several years ago. She is a woman bordering on middle age, and her hair is tinged with gray, but there is every indication that she was an unusually attractive woman during the summer of her life. Mobley would appear to be about fifty years of age.

"Mayes," she said, "forfeited all claim to the ties of marriage three months after the wedding ceremony was performed. If you want to find out anything about him, look up his Police Court record. He was just released from jail a short time ago, after serving a six months' sentence for the same thing that he accuses me."

Mayes Reveals Squabble.

The first intimation that Washington's three religious hands—the Salvation Army, the American Salvation Army, and the Gospel Army—were again at swords' points came last night when Mayes called at the First precinct police station, and laid the case before Captain Williams. He showed a telegram from Chief of Police Healey, of Clarksburg, telling of the conviction of Mobley and Mrs. Harden, and said he would ask for a warrant for the couple this morning. At a late hour this afternoon no action had been taken.

General Mobley openly declared that the American Salvation Army and the regular Salvation Army have joined forces in an effort to make things unpleasant for the workers in the Gospel Army. He asserts that Slayton and Mayes have been selected to do this work. When seen this morning, persons connected with the two religious organizations both denied the charges, and said that whatever Mayes and Slayton had done was a personal matter.

Many Surprised by Arrests.

News of the arrest of General Mobley and Mrs. Harden came as a big surprise to persons who are interested in mission work in Washington. General Mobley has been a conspicuous figure in the street services conducted by the army on the streets here for many years, and Mrs. Harden has been his assistant for a long time.

Mrs. Harden is the mother of six children, three of whom are now living with her at the army headquarters. Six years after Harden died, she met Mayes at a mission in Missouri and married him. The couple never lived happily together, it is said. The final separation came about eighteen months ago.

On Tuesday night, Mayes said, he received word that his wife had been arrested in the company of General Mobley, and he wired for verification. The chapters in the life of the Rev. Slayton read like a romance by one of the old masters. Youthful indiscretion, enlistment in the United States navy as a refuge from a woman, desertion from the navy, reformation, and work in religious service, his escape from a train bearing him to confinement—these are some of the most prominent chapters.

OPENS NEW OFFICE.

Charles S. Shreve, formerly of 1007 Seventh street northwest, has opened a new office for the conduct of his real estate brokerage business at 1039 Seventh street. The new office is equipped with handsome writing desks, windows for rent clerk, ladies' clerk, and sales department, with private offices in the rear.

OFFICE IS ABOLISHED.

With the resignation of P. L. McManus, assistant to the general manager of the Southern Railway Company, which will take effect on November 30, that office has been abolished and all business which was formerly referred there will in future be transacted with C. H. Eckert, vice president, and general manager of the company.

FEWER BARROOMS DURING NEXT YEAR

Anti-Saloon League Confident of Reducing Number to Big Extent.

A. E. Shoemaker, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, is actively engaged in the preparation of evidence to be presented to the excise board in the hearings relative to the renewal of liquor licenses. But one license for this year, which began November 1, has thus far been granted by the board, and every other saloon in the District is operating on probation.

Mr. Shoemaker said today that he is hopeful of reducing the number of barrooms in the District, though to what extent cannot be estimated at present. The proprietor of one saloon, he said, has intimated that he will interpose no objection to the rejection of his application for a license, as he is desirous of institutions conducted for the benefit of the community.

The only method by which he can obtain the return of his \$300 license fee is that his application be rejected by the excise board. It is expected that the Police Department's reports on applications for liquor licenses will be submitted to the Excise Board early in December, after which date hearings will be held in the case of those barrooms against which charges are preferred. The status of a number of organizations which are alleged to be "fake" clubs or proprietary institutions conducted for the benefit of one or two men is receiving the careful scrutiny of the Police Department. It is understood these establishments will experience considerable difficulty in obtaining a renewal of their licenses.

FINAL CALL COMES
TO JAMYS MURDOCK

Gas Magnate of Lafayette, Ind., Leaves Fortune of \$5,000,000.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Nov. 23.—James Murdock, one of the richest men in the State of Indiana, died suddenly at his home here today, heart trouble being the cause of death.

He was born in Ireland, and was seventy-one years old. His fortune is estimated at \$5,000,000. Murdock had large gas railroad and interurban lines here and was well known in Wall Street. Mr. Murdock was a director of the Monon railroad, and was prominent in Democratic State politics.

EYE TROUBLES
Caused by Improper Food.

Most people would never think of connecting eye disease with the food they eat. But when we remember that every part of the body—every organ—is nourished by the blood and the blood is made of the food we eat, it seems reasonable to trace even eye troubles to food.

A N. Y. man had an interesting experience at one of the great hospitals in that city that may benefit persons who have chronic eye trouble. He writes:

"Four years ago I was stricken with an eye trouble. After being unsuccessfully treated by several physicians and oculists, I went to a noted New York hospital.

"On examination they pronounced my case lrisitis (inflammation of the iris), caused by poor blood on account of improper assimilation of food. I was made to fast for several days, and on a strict diet for several weeks. When leaving, the doctor cautioned me in regard to eating the other eye, saying that I must be temperate as to my diet and use neither tea nor coffee.

"I told him it would be almost impossible for me to get and live on what he had given me at the hospital. He replied: 'It is not necessary. As an oculist, I cannot recommend any private brand of food or drink. As a friend I advise you to try Grape-Nuts, discard all fatty, heating foods as much as possible, especially in the morning, my eyes and some inflammation. You may be certain I go back to what my oculist advised—Grape-Nuts.' There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," 21 pgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

MAKING NEW HOUSES NORTH OF U ST.

Elevated Section of City Fast Being Substantially Improved.

While the work of erecting buildings of all descriptions in all parts of the city is proceeding apace, it is to be noted that a residential growth of a high-grade is developing toward the northern section. This is true especially of Sixteenth street, but of late Eighteenth street has been getting a good share of the improvements.

North of U street the residents of Eighteenth street find themselves conveniently located to two car lines, the Mt. Pleasant and Connecticut avenue line, and the Seventh and Eighteenth streets line. Within a block of the latter line, as it turns from U street into Eighteenth, three large building projects have been undertaken.

One of these, the Tulane apartment house, at 2109 Eighteenth street, just beyond V street, has been completed. Then, at the corner of Eighteenth street and Florida avenue, just a few yards from the corner of Eighteenth and U streets, Harry Ward & Co. is building two handsome five-story apartment houses. These are only about half completed. A block away, on the corner of Nineteenth and U streets, opposite the Chinese embassy, John H. Nolan is building three private brick residences for David Davidson. The outside of these is about finished.

The Tulane is owned by John L. Warner. It is being managed by W. L. Browning. J. J. Kilby was the builder. It has four stories and a basement, and contains sixteen apartments, each with two bedrooms and a bathroom. It is constructed of white pressed brick, with interior of iron and concrete. The building is lighted by electricity and heated by steam. A feature of the arrangements is a wide porch for each suite, built outside the windows, and somewhat resembling, from the street, a series of unusually large fire-escapes. These are expected to be of great service in the summer, when cool breezes should be had in the breeze usually to be found on the high ground in this locality.

The building was completed November 1, and that date found all the suites rented.

REALTY TRANSFERS.

314 Pennsylvania avenue southeast—Joseph J. Darlington et al., trustees, to Clarence F. Donohue, lot 11, square 100, \$3,400.

Washington Heights—Howard Etchison to Leo Simmons, lot 7, \$10.

Second street, between K and V streets northwest—Walter Edwards et ux. to Galem E. Green, part lot 8, square 611, \$10.

Ingleside—Luther A. Swartzell to Oscar J. Ricketts, lot 28, block 11, \$100.

Mattingly Tract—Harry B. Wilson et al. to Florence E. Gidley, lot 2, square 2835, \$10.

Ninth street northwest—Robert A. Miller to William V. Mahoney, lot 37, square 361, \$10.

Fourteenth street, between L and M streets northwest—Charles C. Wilson to Fannie J. Barrett, part original lot 11, square 247, \$10.

Washington Heights—John M. Henderson to William S. Garland, lot 63, block 4, \$10.

Thirtieth street extended—Jessie H. Wilson, trustee, to Elie Fabre, part lot 266, square 1200, \$1,574.25.

N street, between Twenty-seventh and Washington streets northwest—Raphael A. Casleir et al. to trustees of Alender Memorial Baptist Church, lots 41 and 42, and part lots 40 and 43, square 1236, \$10.

M street, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets northwest—Elie Fabre to Thomas C. Henniler, part lots 30 and 31, square 1300, \$10.

Greenvale—Julia P. Evans to John Miller, lot 15, \$10.

Woodridge—Robert H. Hazard et ux. to Henry A. Vieh, half interest in lot 7, square 5, \$10.

Anastasia—Henry H. Bergmann, trustee, to James T. Farrall, lot 66, \$10.

Third street, between E and F streets northwest—Edward Eberhart to James W. Johnson, original lot 2 and part lot 13, square 23, \$10.

James W. Johnson conveys same property to John H. Nolan, \$10.

Washington Heights—John H. Nolan et ux. to William B. Wheatley, lots 61 to 64, block 4, \$7.

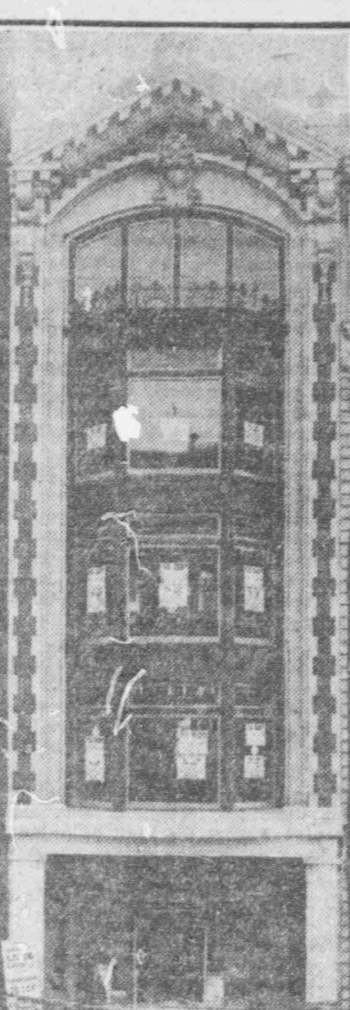
Wheatley et ux. conveys same property to Harry Wardman and Thomas Bones, \$10.

Squares 332, 402, 461, 466, 506, 574, 282 and 283—James F. Barber to William M. Laws, all interest in part lot 9, square 332; lot 13, square 432; lots 40 and 61, square 401; lots 4 to 7, square 4; lots 18 and 19, square 336; lot 22, square 207; lots 2 and 24, 30 to 35, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314 and 315, square 282, and part lot 27, square 100, \$10.

Ivy City—John G. Angermann et al., trustees, to Maggie A. Howell, lots 24 to 27, block 6, \$10.

G street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets northwest—James M. Johnston et ux. to Ellis H. Labrot, lot 42, square 239, \$10.

NEW BUILDING



Office Structure Nearing Completion.

NEW OFFICE HOME NEARLY FINISHED

Splendid Building at Ninth and New York Avenue for F. H. Smith Co.

Of the several building undertakings in the section bounded by F and Fifteenth streets, New York avenue and Ninth street northwest, one is rapidly nearing completion. It is of an ornamental design, which has made the most of the narrow space at the disposal of the owners.

There are five stories and a cellar. The front is built of buff Bedford stone, with light brick to match, and ornamental terra cotta. The frame is of steel, with steel rafters on each floor. It was built by George Henderson for the F. H. Smith company, from plans drawn by Frank P. Milburn & Co. The lot is twenty-five feet front and 100 feet deep. The cost of the building was \$35,000.

The first floor is suitable for some mercantile establishment, and the upper floors are so arranged that they may be divided into suites of offices or be left open front to back. Lighting is by electricity. A feature of the construction is the large amount of space taken up by the front windows, assuring plenty of light during the day.

A member of the F. H. Smith Company said today that two concerns are negotiating for the rental of the building in its entirety, and that possibly it would be so leased. If not, there are tenants now waiting who have already stated their desire to rent offices should the floors be so divided.

In the section bounded by the streets mentioned there will be the eight-story office building to be constructed by the Evans estate on New York avenue, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets; the three-story office building for the Evans estate on New York avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets; a business building on the east side of Fourteenth street, between J and K streets; a remodeled building at the corner of Twelfth and G streets, and an eight-story office building for Ben Schwartz, the tailor, at 220 F street.

ARTHUR BURT FAILS
FOR \$40,719.43

Shoe Merchant's Assets Total But \$26,035, Value of His Stock.

Arthur Burt, proprietor of the shoe and men's furnishing store at 134 F street northwest, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy today in the District Supreme Court, as principal in what is the largest retail store business failure of the year.

His liabilities of \$40,719.43 are entirely unsecured, and the assets are estimated at \$26,035, value of his stock.

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He is credited with no real estate and no other property other than his stock of goods. His largest creditor is the firm of James A. Banister Company, of Newark, N. J., \$3,800. Other large creditors are National City Bank, Washington, \$4,500; A. Garside & Son, New York, \$4,900; J. R. Newton & Co., Philadelphia, \$4,219, and other creditors, lesser amounts.

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PORTABLE SCHOOLS AWAIT INSPECTION

Eight Buildings Ready, But They Cannot Yet Be Put to Use.

Although eight of the much discussed portable schools have been completed, and the crowded schools they were intended to relieve are in more need than ever of their use, the schools must lie idle until the three District commissioners recently appointed for sanitation, fire protection, and building safety in the schools, make inspections and report on them to the Board of Education.

The recent accident in one of the portable schools, in which a foreman was dangerously injured by the collapse of the ceiling, and his subsequent statement in the hospital that the supports were insufficient, caused the Board of Education to decide that the schools would not be accepted until there was some assurance from expert sources that the schools were safe for the children. The inspections have not been begun yet, and it may be weeks before they are completed.

The schools are of the one-room type, with a capacity of from forty to forty-eight pupils each.

BUILDING PERMITS.

The following building permits were issued today:

To M. F. Youngling, for one stone church at Conduit road and Reservoir street; architect, M. F. Youngling; builder, Patrick Vaughan; estimated cost, \$6,000.

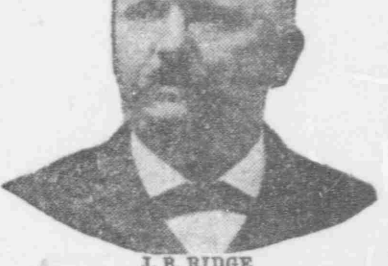
To E. X. Higdon, for one frame dwelling on Douglas street, near Twenty-second street northeast; architect, N. Breashears; builder, Paul I. Higdon; estimated cost, \$1,200.

To Charles E. Talbert, for one frame dwelling on Minnesota avenue, near M street northeast; architect, E. G. Brown; builder, James L. Poston; estimated cost, \$1,200.

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